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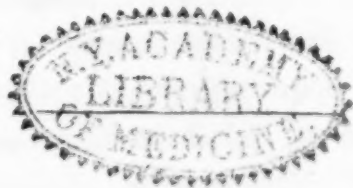
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Upon the display and full exertion of native talent does the future standing of the Journal, in a great measure, depend; and while no labour or sacrifice will be avoided by those upon whose industry the immediate duty of superintendence is imposed, it is equally important that those who are competent should aid the efforts of the Editor and Publishing Committee.

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